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MRS. CLAIR MANSKER CHRISTENS SHIP ON EMPLOYEE'S DAY

Shattering the be-ribboned champagne bottle against YMS 103 with a lusty swing, Mrs. Clair Mansker, wife of Amcco's popular Superintendent, shared spotlight honors with Congressman James W. Mott at the great Employee's Day launching, August 29th. The ship slid down the ways at 4:45 P. M.

The appearance of the featured guests, among a series of other notables on the speaker's platform, symbolized two main features of the special day. Mrs. Mansker was chosen for the honor of christening the sleek ship to represent the employees whose diligence and sacrifices have made the Astoria Marine Construction Company's name a standout in the mine-sweeper building field. Congressman Mott, a ranking member of the House Naval Affairs Committee, was main speaker of the day, by virtue of his prominent place in naval circles and the fact that he is an ex-Astorian, acquainted with many of the personnel of the construction, and one of the guiding hands about Washington, D. C., of Joe Dyer on his trip to secure the present contracts.

Merle Chessman, of the *Astorian-Budget*, acted as Master of Ceremonies, and introduced Commander Charles Hibbard, U.S.N., Joe Dyer, guests of honor, and Miss Lorraine Macklin and Mrs. Oscar Olsen, maids-of-honor to Mrs. Mansker.

Mott recalled earlier days in Astoria, told of his reasons for personal interest in the Astoria Marine Construction Co., and touched on naval tradition. Commander Hibbard followed with fighting words of encouragement to the men who participated in the actual building of the ship and played up their part in the war effort.

Employees had the afternoon off, and later "floated her" on her way by rallying around the "galley" table "topside heavy" with refreshment.

MEET THE NEW AMCCO LOG

An old friend in a new suit greets the Amcco Gang today with this publication of the *Amcco Log*. This is the first appearance in more than six months, and also the first time it has blossomed in actual print.

The first two issues of the *Log* were mimeograph affairs, edited by Curt Dyer, and were the forerunners of these issues to come. Today's copy is number three.

Fostered by the company and published at no cost to the workers, the *Amcco Log* will be a paper for and by the employees, and will pertain to matters of interest to them.

Several departments will be added in future issues which will appear in from two to four week periods, giving about eight publications every six months. A generous sprinkling of pictures taken about the plant will be included in each number.

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OUR FOURTH SHIP GOES INTO SERVICE; NAVY ACCEPTS YMS 103

Another milestone was passed last Saturday afternoon with the commissioning of YMS-103. This ship will mark the culmination of the original contract for YMS ships at this yard.

During that time, however, yard facilities of an extended nature were constructed and the machinery placed in motion that will allow for rapid construction of the next eight ships. Approximate value of these four ships was three million dollars.

The record for steadiness and quality that outshines the speed record of the yard, is not lost in the fact that two YMS boats were commissioned here before any others in the Northwest.

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LAUNCHING PARTY YMS - 103

Top Row (left to right)—Mr. Merle Chessman; Ensign Lee S. Barton; Commander Charles Hibbard, U.S.N., Supervisor of Shipbuilding; Honorable James W. Mott; Lieut. James W. Wilson, Captain of YMS-103.

Bottom Row (left to right)—Mrs. James W. Mott; Mrs. Chessman; Mrs. Wilson; Mrs. Faye Ellis; Mrs. Mansker, the Sponsor; Miss Macklin, and Mrs. Oscar Olsen.

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BOB WALTERS Editor

COAST GUARD REQUIRES BADGES

More than one wife of an Amcco worker was busy the night of September 1st hunting that mislaid company badge of papa's as they became aware that the Navy and Coast Guard, through cooperation with the company itself, had taken over the important task of guarding the local property on a strict 24-hour basis.

Familiarity of the workers' faces was replaced by a "See your pass, Buddy?" at any time the workers filed through the gates, and members of the guard patrol were strict in their fire prevention and sabotage prohibiting duties. Each guard is officially a member of the Coast Guard police and a temporary member of the C. G. Reserve. The Senior Guard on each shift has been inducted as Warrant Officer, with his crew as Chief Boatswains Mates. All take orders from the above agencies.

Cooperation of the plant personnel has been asked by the various officials who point out the need for vigilance with the familiar "A stitch in time."

HENRY DESLER HEADS FULL-TIME PERSONNEL OFFICE

A full time office for the hiring of personnel and attention to their problems has been created at Amcco, with Henry Desler taking that post.

Besides several other duties in line with employment he will act as general liaison man between the workers and the Selective Service board. Any problems along this line should be brought to his attention.



Birth record proof for Coast Guard passes will also receive his attention if the workers present their difficulties to him.

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RETURNS TO O.S.C.

Barbara Snow, daughter of Amcco's Sid, has returned to Oregon State college for her second year, after having spent three weeks here relieving Alice Crane, while she was on vacation.

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YOU ARE ONE OF THE "9"

Only one out of ten Americans will be called to active duty—to face hardship, injury, or death. The rest of us are needed here. We can't all go. BUT, we *can* all Help. Planes, ships, tanks and guns don't build themselves—nor pay for themselves. They cost money. Lot of it. To help pay for these, the Government is asking you to lend it money—not give it, lend it—and at a good rate of interest too. It is asking you to do this by buying War Bonds. And for every \$3 you put up in War Bonds—your Government will give you back \$4.

If you are a patriotic American, the chances are you already own War Bonds—or are buying them now. But the Government has figured that to get the money it needs, you and everybody should put at least 10 per cent of your pay into War Bonds. At least 10 per cent of everybody's pay in War Bonds will go a long way towards paying for the war.

If you aren't investing in War Bonds through the Payroll Allotment Plan, see Bob Shefler, Head Timekeeper, and make arrangements now.

AS I SEE IT!



By Joe Dyer

Well, gang, Uncle Sam now has four more fighting ships, our first real contribution. Eight more are rapidly following—but let's pause for a moment's reflection. Astoria Marine Construction has come through again. The old-timers in the organization have made it a sort of a habit—a traditional habit. The old tradition is going right along. The newer members have jumped in and are doing a wonderful job. It's teamwork, gang—teamwork.

A job well done affords a lot of satisfaction—a job to do affords anticipation. Boy, we can anticipate as we really have a job to do. Eight more boats in less time than the first four. Uncle Sam needs them. Your friends and mine need them. Our boys in the Solomons, Australia, Alaska need them. Our boys in Japan will need them. Let's go, gang.

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PARKING AREA IMPROVED

Work will soon be completed on the extension of the parking area, northward, so that workers cars will be parked the width of the lot instead of the depth. The steel fence will then be changed so that lumber stored in the rear of the lot toward the dike, will be inside the yard. This will greatly facilitate movements of freight and lumber.

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PAGE VIC MARTIN!

A recent Chicago news item tells of a patriotic lady, fresh from her final first aid lesson, spotting a man lying face down in a busy intersection. She dashed into traffic, leaped astride the man's midships and commenced a series of artificial respiration movements. The victim turned his head and stated, "Lady, I don't know what you are trying to do, but I'm trying to pull some electric cable up through this man-hole."

BOY RESCUED BY AMCCO CREW

Saving the life of an unidentified Portland lad was all in the work of a trial run of YMS-103 to Phil Hover and T. B. Cook last week, and it wasn't on water either.

Climbing a hilly street in company with several of the Amcco crew the pair spotted two feet protruding from a loose clay hillside bank and raced to



the rescue. After difficulty in removing a huge clod of the clay that kept the boy pinned, they extricated him in a smothered condition. Following some hasty, on-the-spot first aid, including artificial respiration by Hover, they sent the gasping youngster on his way, with numerous boyish thank you's ringing in their ears.

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NEW STEEL BOOM

A new set of "tail feathers"—steel boom to you—was recently installed on Captain Joe Hillards "Galloping Yellow Goose," replacing the old wooden boom. During the week a power hoist will be attached, greatly speeding the moving time of yard supplies by the Doane.

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MACHINE SHOP TO BE COMPLETED SOON

Completion of the new machine shop construction, a major yard improvement at Amcco, will take place in the next three weeks, according to information released yesterday.

The shop will house a full machine shop, welding room and blacksmith shop. Movement of heavy items, with steel plate a leader, will be facilitated by a five ton overhead hoist, which was brought to the yard last week. This hoist can be used to cross the roadway between the new steel stowage and the shop, thus greatly cutting the moving time of the plate.

The new shop will play a major part in the new boats under construction, as many more steel items will be fabricated here, than in the past.

NO SLOWDOWN . . . NO TIRES

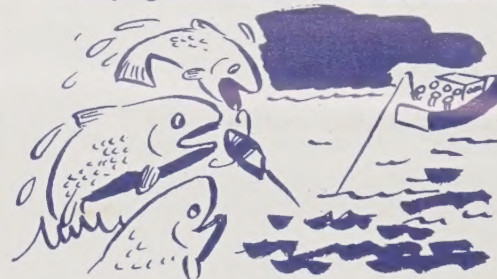


Officials connected with various national, state and local tire rationing boards are emphasizing that the Amcco workers, along with other defense allotment recipients, hold their driving to sane speeds and only the most necessary miles.

Those connected with the local plant want to see every worker that is hauling several other workers have his tire needs taken care of if possible and are ready to go to bat for him. However, they feel that the entire plant will receive more consideration in the matter if all workers will cooperate in the drive to cut mileage.

Seen from . . . THE CROW'S NEST

Joe Bowlsby insisting his recent limit catch of salmon was due to the "De-gaussing Sparks" bait he rubbed on his plug. Dyer, Snow, Omundson, Taylor and Oscar Olsen, the rest of the party on the *Susan*, believed it, after the "skunks" they collected. . . . Ernie Barnes, attempting to sell his own holdings, after a listing shortage on his "real estate mart." . . . Sid Snow denying the charge of an attempt to bring a salmon to gaff with a hookless plug with, "I was only lying on my stomach studying the mixture of the blue color."



. . . Bob Taylor outrunning the electricians in a victorious retreat. . . . Mr. McClean dishing out choice cuts from a 40-lb. salmon, alleged to have been caught during yard working hours.

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FIRST AID SQUAD AWARDED CERTIFICATE

Official American National Red Cross recognition of hours of study and practice has come to the Amcco first aid squads in the form of a certificate establishing a Volunteer First Aid Detachment.

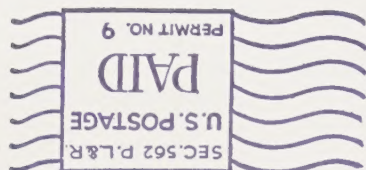
Instructed by Omar Stephens, of the Astorian-Budget, assisted by Vic Martin, the following group comprise the Detachment, and were present at a

social at Martin's residence when the official honors were received: Mehlhoff, Kamm, Huhtala, squad leaders; and Thorndike, Campf, Green, Blissett, Earl, Cool, Kauttu, Folland, Tonjes, Osterby, Hubbard, Truesdell, and Martin.

An appreciation gift of a complete first aid kit was presented to Omar Stephens by the detachment members.



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Here's your
copy of the
AMCCO LOG!

COAST GUARD ISSUES PASSES

The official card passes issued by the Coast Guard will be ready this week at the Coast Guard offices in the Federal Bldg. All Amcco workers can pick them up at this location.

These will be the official plant passes with picture and fingerprint of the worker, and are the passes issued in conjunction with the records that were obtained by the Guard crew several weeks ago at the yard offices.

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GEORGE DERUM GOES TO MARITIME SCHOOL

George Derum, for the past several months assistant draftsman in the engineering office, left Monday, September 14th, for San Francisco, where he will enroll in the Maritime Commission School. At the end of 18 months he will have a rating of third mate on Maritime Commission ships.

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IDEA FOR SCHROEDER!

One shipyard purchasing agent, according to a national publication, submitted lengthy recommendations to his board of directors on a large purchase of No. 10 canvass duck, similar to what is used on YMS wooden bulkheads. The directors, who supposedly read the report, all signed and ok'd it. In the report the Agent included paragraphs on the antics of Donald Duck.

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Meet the New Mates



Employees greeted since September 1st include Algy Pesonen, 32 yrs., Badge 356, Astoria, Junior Guard; Howard Blakely, 32 yrs., Badge 357, Astoria, Armed Guard; Henry Niemi, 60 yrs., Badge 358, Astoria, carpenter; Roy Clark, 37 yrs., Badge 359, Seaside, Senior Guard.

William Towne, 24 yrs., Badge 360, Astoria, Junior Guard; Clarence Harris, 54 yrs., Badge 361, Rt. 1, Astoria, Laborer; Charles Paetow, 26 yrs., Badge 362, Astoria, Laborer; Leo Hoffman, 43 yrs., Badge 364, Astoria, Welder's Helper.

Emil Nyberg, 36 yrs., Badge 365, Astoria, Laborer; Harry Phillips, 48 yrs., Badge 366, Rt. 1, Astoria, Laborer; Edwin Mowick, 38 yrs., Badge 367, Hammond, Over-age Apprentice Shipwright; Walter Dorsey, 63 yrs., Badge 369, Astoria, Shipwright; Donald Nelson, 40 yrs., Badge 371, Astoria, Pipefitter's Helper.

Alfred Olsen, 28 yrs., Badge 368, Rt. 1, Astoria, Laborer; James Travis, 39 yrs., Badge 370, Seaside, Shipwright; William Harrod, 27 yrs., Badge 372, Warrenton, Pipefitter; Ernest Stevens, 22 yrs., Badge 373, Rt. 1, Astoria, Laborer.

Sulo Rytsala, 57 yrs., Badge 374, Astoria, Shipwright; Ledger Beckett, 33 yrs., Badge 375, Warrenton, Laborer; Konstantinos Marlantes, 57 yrs., Badge 377, Seaside, Laborer; Charles Mille-son, 69 yrs., Badge 378, Rt. 1, Astoria, Janitor.

Elmer Barber, 30 yrs., Badge 363, Rt. 1, Astoria, Laborer; Miss Adeline Bak-kensen, 19 yrs., Badge 328, Astoria, Stenographer.

A reluctant conscript was asked by the army oculist to read a chart. "What chart?" asked the draftee.

"Just sit down in the chair and I'll show you."

"What chair?" asked the man.



Deferred because of bad eyesight, the draftee went to a nearby movie. When the lights came on, he was horrified to discover the oculist in the next seat.

"Excuse me," said the conscript as calmly as he could, "does this bus go to Seaside?"